

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

- 5 1. A label holder for a retaining an identification label on a surface of a rack-mounted computer system component, the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component comprising a ventilation grating, the holder comprising:
- an elongated body;¹⁴
a plurality of legs extending from the body;²⁷
at least one retaining foot coupled to at least one leg proximate an end of the leg;²⁴
wherein each retaining foot is configured to engage an opening in the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use.
- 10 2. The holder of claim 1, further comprising a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg.
- 15 3. The holder of claim 1, further comprising a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg, wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge and at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use.
- 20 4. The holder of claim 1, further comprising a shoulder ledge proximate an end of at least one leg, wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge and at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-mounted computer system component during use, and wherein the predetermined distance is selected such that the holder does not precluded airflow through the ventilation grating.
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Person 5. The holder of claim 1, wherein the combination of the elongated body and the plurality of legs is elastically deformable to allow insertion of at least one retaining foot into the opening in the surface of the computer system component.
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Wilson 5 6. The holder of claim 1, further comprising at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs.
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Wilson 7. The holder of claim 1, further comprising at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs and the elongated body, wherein the at least one stiffening member is configured to brace the at least one leg to the elongated body.
- 10 8. The holder of claim 1, further comprising at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs, wherein an end of the at least one stiffening member comprises a shoulder ledge.
- 15 9. The holder of claim 1, wherein the at least one retaining foot comprises a beveled lower surface, wherein the beveled lower surface is configured to provide a lateral component of force to at least one of the legs when an engaging force is applied to the holder.
- 20 10. The holder of claim 1, wherein the elongated body comprises a surface configured to retain an identification label.
- 25 11. The holder of claim 1, wherein dimensions of the elongated body are selected to allow airflow between the holder and the rack-mounted computer system component during use.
- 102 12. The holder of claim 1, wherein the holder comprises plastic.

13. A method of labeling a rack-mounted computer system component comprising:
providing a label holder comprising:
an elongated body;
a plurality of legs coupled to the body; and
5 at least one retaining foot coupled to at least one leg proximate an end of the leg;
placing an identification label on the label holder; and
engaging the at least one retaining foot of the label holder with at least one opening
in a surface of the computer system component, wherein the surface of the rack-
mounted computer system component comprises a ventilation grating.
- 10 14. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge
proximate an end of at least one leg.
- 15 15. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge
proximate an end of at least one leg, and wherein the combination of the shoulder
ledge and at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder
such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-
mounted computer system component during use.
- 20 16. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises a shoulder ledge
proximate an end of at least one leg, wherein the combination of the shoulder ledge
and the at least one retaining foot is configured to limit motion of the label holder
such that the holder maintains a predetermined distance from the surface of the rack-
mounted computer system component during use, and wherein the predetermined
25 distance is selected such that the holder does not preclude airflow through the
ventilation grating.
17. The method of claim 13, wherein engaging the at least one retaining foot with the
surface of the computer system component comprises sliding a first retaining foot

into a first opening, and applying an engaging force to the holder such that at least a second retaining foot engages a second opening in the surface.

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18. The method of claim 13, wherein engaging at least one retaining foot with the surface of the computer system component comprises elastically deforming the combination of the elongated body and the plurality of legs to allow insertion of the at least one retaining foot into the at least one opening in the surface of the computer system component.
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19. The method of claim 13, wherein placing an identification label on the label holder comprises applying an adhesive label to the holder.
20. The method of claim 13, wherein placing an identification label on the label holder comprises writing on a surface of the holder.
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21. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs.
22. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs and the elongated body, wherein the at least one stiffening member is configured to brace the at least one leg to the elongated body.
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23. The method of claim 13, wherein the label holder further comprises at least one stiffening member coupled to at least one of the legs, wherein an end of the at least one stiffening member comprises a shoulder ledge.
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24. The method of claim 13, wherein engaging at least one retaining foot with at least one opening in a surface of the computer system component comprises applying an

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